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Volleyball enthusiasts (beginner to experienced) from grades five through eight are invited to attend a volleyball summer camp which will be conducted Tuesday through Thursday, July 14-16, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Romulus High School Field House.

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Lambert, Dick Win School Board Race

By Kristi Stephens

Confusion about the day/date of the annual Romulus Community Schools election was probably the biggest factor in a disappointingly low voter turnout on Monday, June 8, when 1,118 Romulus residents went to the polls and chose Debbie Dick and Alan Lambert to fill the Board of Education seats being vacated by current President Julie Oleszkowicz and Trustee Judie Gondek.

Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate's office reported the following unofficial vote totals: Lambert, 541; Dick, 506; Sheri Hicks, 376; Eddie Woods, 366; and Theodore Armstrong, 100.

After the election, both Lambert and Dick expressed their appreciation for all the support they received. Lambert also commented on the election campaign.

"I want to congratulate all my fellow candidates for running 'clean' campaigns that focused on issues, not mudslinging. It was an honor to run with them," he said. "Over the course of the last few weeks, I had a chance to talk seriously with these people, and I came away impressed that each has a sincere interest in the children of our com-



Debbie Dick

munity. I found them to be good, qualified candidates, and I hope that they will run again in future elections."

Dick focused on her hopes for the future.

"I'm looking forward to working with my fellow Board members to bring a spirit of unity to our district, and I sin-



Alan Lambert

cerely hope that this spirit will trickle down to the rest of the community," she said. "With that goal in mind, I encourage all citizens to get involved in our schools and with our school board."

Lambert and Dick will begin their four-year term of office on Wednesday, July 1. □

Romulus Teen Dies in Memorial Day Car Crash

A fatal Memorial Day traffic crash that claimed the life of Romulus resident Steven S. Buchanan, Jr., is being investigated by the Romulus Police Department, according Executive Lieutenant Eric Painter.

Painter said that the 16-year-old Buchanan died as a result of injuries sustained in a multi-vehicle collision on Van Born Road near Treadwell Road. The crash was initially handled by the Wayne Police Department, but was turned over to Romulus police when it was determined that the collision had occurred within their jurisdiction.

Preliminary information indicates that Buchanan was traveling westbound on Van Born in a 1990 Ford Ranger pickup truck, Painter stated. As Buchanan attempted to pass slower traffic, he was struck from behind by another vehicle, which was also attempting to pass. The impact resulted in Buchanan's truck exiting the roadway on the north side and striking two trees before coming to rest on its side. It appears that Buchanan was not wearing his seat belt, Painter added.

Regarding the other driver involved in the collision, Romulus police will say only that he was a 15-year-old resident of the City.

Traffic Officer Lenn White of the Romulus Police Department will be conducting the investigation into this matter, and will submit his findings to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office for a review and determination of any charges that may result.

The Memorial Day incident was the second fatal crash in Romulus in 1998. **Residents Alerted To Possible Phone Scam**

On Friday, May 29, the Romulus Police Department was alerted to a possible phone scam being conducted in this area, said Executive Lieutenant Painter. Washtenaw Intermediate School District reported that callers, identifying themselves as service technicians from Ameritech, ask the person called to "test" their phone line by pushing a two-digit number, followed by the pound sign, then hanging up. Painter said that a number of these calls are originating from correctional facilities.

Although no Romulus resident had reported being victimized by a similar scam as of the end of May, Romulus police caution anyone receiving this type of call to hang up immediately. Further, if information regarding the call's origin is available from "Caller ID" service, contact local police authorities and telephone security.

Local Police Participate in Air Bag and Safety Campaign

Romulus police have wrapped up Operation ABC '98, a national education and enforcement program designed to encourage the wearing of seat belts and proper utilization of child-restraint devices. According to Executive Lieutenant Painter, the effort was a successful one.

During the Operation ABC '98 campaign, the Romulus Police Department distributed over 1,000 pamphlets to local schools and businesses, reminding people of the importance of wearing belts. Police also stepped up enforcement activities during the week of May 18-25. In all, officers issued 47 citations

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Letters to the Editor

Writers Thank Donors for Generosity

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Hapkido Group Thanks Kick-a-thon Supporters

On May 23, kids from the United States Hapkido Association held a Kick-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital and its fight against cancer. Altogether, the event generated more than \$1,000 for this worthy charity. The students' enormous success would not have been possible without the generous pledges of area residents.

Special thanks are also due to both Jim Mans (N.A. Mans Building Centers) and Jim Turnbull (Builder's Square) for their donation of boards for use at the Kick-a-thon.

Again, thanks to everyone who made our fund raiser such a success. We look forward to your continued support of our future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Master Marshall Gagne
President and founder
U.S. Hapkido Association, Trenton

Residents Supported Choir/Dance Program

A special thank-you to all Romulus residents who helped the Vocal and Dance portion of the Romulus Community Schools' Performing Arts Department raise money. During the several weeks of our fund-raising project—which began March 16 and concluded at the end of April—all households within the Romulus community were contacted between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. Residents were asked to support the students in the program by purchasing one or more of a variety of fine products offered, including delicious frozen pizza, French-bread pizza, home-style fudge, durable trash bags, first-aid kits, and lifesaving fire extinguishers. All products were delivered to the residents' homes at no charge.

With your support, we raised about \$800. With these funds, we will purchase a synthesizer keyboard, software for classroom use, field-trip opportunities for students, and awards and rewards for student accomplishments throughout the year.

Thank you again for your donations and support of our Romulus performing-arts groups.

Sincerely,
Judith Thompson-Barthwell
Director of Choirs and Dance □



To the voters of Romulus:
I want to thank all the people who supported me in my campaign for a Romulus School Board seat. I urge everyone to become involved in our schools for the good of our community.

—Debbie Dick

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Oakley Hosts Breakfast Reception



Local attorney Brian A. Oakley continued his campaign for a seat on the 34th District Court bench with a breakfast reception/fund raiser held in his honor at the Clarion Hotel in Romulus on Thursday, May 21. Retiring Judge Henry Zaborowski, whom Oakley hopes to succeed, has given Oakley his enthusiastic endorsement. "Brian has done a remarkable job of goodwill building," he said. "and that is evident in the caliber of people here today." For information on the Oakley campaign, call 941-4296.

Home Town Heroes

In the Spotlight: Kellie Knight

(Editor's note: This is the third and final article in a series highlighting the life and profession of Romulus High School graduates who have returned this year to teach in the Romulus Community Schools. Featured in this issue is Kellie Knight, who teaches sixth grade at Merriman Elementary School.)

"What I will always remember about Ms. Knight is that she would always be there when we needed her the most," wrote Ronny Cornelius, a sixth-grade student from Merriman School. He continued, "When our grades are low, she takes time out of her day and gives us the work we need to improve our grades. She is the sweetest teacher that I have ever had, and I will always remember her for that."

Cornelius' words seem to reflect the feelings of all his classmates.

Kellie, the proud daughter of Bob and Diane Knight of Colbert Street in Romulus, has returned to her roots to develop other young minds and bodies. She teaches in the elementary school where she attended kindergarten through sixth grade.

"I liked all of my teachers at Merriman, but Mr. Morgan, my sixth-grade teacher, was my favorite," said Kellie. "It is a great feeling returning to Romulus because it makes me feel like I can give back a little of what was given to me so freely."

When asked how her experience at Romulus High School helped her in college, Kellie did not hesitate to give credit to her teachers and the curriculum they followed to help her in higher education.

"I was better prepared for college than others due to the teachers and staff in the Romulus school district," she said.

Two special teachers from high school were Ms. Scott, Kellie's English teacher, and Mrs. Coleman, her gym teacher and volleyball coach who believed in her and convinced her that she could be successful in college.

"Without them or my parents, I don't believe I would be teaching today," said Kellie.

But friend and fellow student Brian Boyd knew that she would be a teacher, even in elementary school.



Kellie Knight, a 1984 graduate of Romulus High School who has returned to her home town to teach, stands with her sixth-grade students outside Merriman Elementary School. Although Kellie's students are very fond of their teacher, they aren't that disappointed to be leaving her class. That's because the talented and idealistic instructor will be following them to Romulus Middle School in September, where she will begin to fulfill a lifelong dream of teaching at the middle-school level.

"We went through school together and I felt we were like brother and sister," he said. "I remember how smart she was, always active and always helping me. I know Kellie will be a great teacher because, even now, she helps my two children with their math and reading."

Merriman's principal, Dr. Mary McGill, has high marks for her sixth-grade teacher.

"Kellie Knight has been a tremendous asset to our school," she said. "She has demonstrated sound educational practices and the ability to resolve difficult situations in a fair and equitable way. Her personal and professional knowledge of our community is another great asset to the Merriman team. Kellie's smile and positive attitude are also noteworthy. She is well liked by the

staff, students, and parents, and will be missed when she goes on to fulfill her lifelong dream of teaching middle-school children."

Teacher Gail Coleman remembers Kellie as an excellent volleyball player, and is happy that she has returned to teach in the school district which educated her.

"Kellie was a great team member who played with great enthusiasm and heart," she recalled. "I am sure she will carry these important qualities and many others into her career as a teacher."

Kellie still enjoys participating in outdoor sports and recreation. Not only does she play softball herself, but she also coaches others. In addition, Kellie rollerblades and plays racquetball when she is not studying for her Master of Arts degree. The fact that she does, indeed,

bring to her teaching the same enthusiasm and heart that she brings to her athletics is evident in the many appreciative comments from her students.

"Ms. Knight is the kindest teacher I have ever had," said sixth-grader Misty Pitel. "She is the only one who can make my smile go up to my eyes."

Yes, having Kellie Knight teaching our students in Romulus makes all our smiles go up to our eyes.

Because Kellie has accepted a transfer to Romulus Middle School, Merriman will miss the caring, dedicated, and hard-working staff member—but one group that won't be sad to see her go will be her students, who will get an opportunity to have her again next year.

"Yippee!" Kellie's excited students say. □



The Romulus News and Romulus Community Schools salute Ms. Kellie Knight as one of the many outstanding and dedicated teachers working in our district.



Romulus MEAP Scores Show Marked Improvement

"This is great news," said the Romulus Community Schools Curriculum Director, Tom Dolan, when the district's Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test results were announced by the Michigan Department of Education. "Our parents, teachers, building administrators, and certainly the students are justifiably proud of their accomplishments. The City and School District take great pride in Romulus achievements, and these test results are just that."

"Although we will never stop striving to improve, these particular improvements are of championship quality," Dolan proudly proclaimed.

What is it that has Dolan so excited? To answer that question, Dolan put forth the following statistics: In the Romulus School District, MEAP math scores increased 30% at the fourth-grade level and 45% at the seventh-grade level, while fourth-grade reading scores increased a whopping 50%. In the fourth-grade test alone, he said, Romulus students scored higher than every surrounding school district. Only three of 32 school districts in Wayne County (Harper Woods, Redford Union, and Crestwood) showed greater gains in fourth-grade reading scores, while 25 Wayne County school districts were below Romulus in fourth-grade math gains. Romulus exceeded districts like Grosse Pointe, Northville, and Grosse Ile.

These enormous increases are significant, Dolan explained, because the School District, through the Board of Education, has made a concerted effort to increase academic achievement for all students.

"The Board's initiatives are finally paying off," stated Board President Julie Oleszkowicz. "Now that the curriculum is aligned and we are focused, our results are encouraging. I personally want to thank the

staff and students for their hard work and dedication."

The Statewide MEAP is designed to provide a uniform standard of assessment for all Michigan students' performance in certain academic areas. The assessment information is then used by teachers, school districts, and State government to advance the quality of education overall. The scores to which Dolan referred are for the fourth-grade math and reading tests as well as the seventh-grade math test. These tests were administered this spring to all Michigan students in the fourth and seventh grades following strict testing guidelines.

Among the building administrators who were also excited by the test results was Wick Elementary Principal Debbie Juriga.

"We are delighted to see the improvements in our recent MEAP scores, which speak well of the instructional improvements our district is taking," Juriga said. "I encourage all parents, staff, and students to view the MEAP as an opportunity to 'show off.' Students work very hard in school, and the MEAP is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their efforts."

When Juriga was asked what special activities her school organized to accomplish such big improvements, she answered, "We followed the District-wide plan of analyzing past MEAP results and then developing yearlong teaching and test-taking strategies. Also, our board has approved after-school enrichment programs as well as the use of reteaching teachers and paraprofessional support staff help. All in all, these strategies will drive our staff to integrate MEAP readiness into their lesson plans on a daily basis."

Many students, teachers, parents, and other members of the community are proud and encouraged by these improving MEAP results. □

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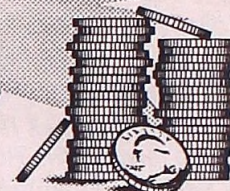
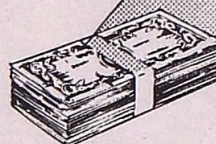
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Leonard Leaves a Legacy



Merriman students (from left) Kenneth Capler, Carlos Kendrick, Sara Bauman, and Andrew Vera with their teacher, Algertha Leonard.

By Gina Carter, Intervention Room Specialist, Merriman Elementary School

Longtime local educator Algertha Leonard will say farewell to Merriman Elementary School and her many friends district-wide when she retires from the Romulus Community Schools on June 12, 1998. This devoted educator, who teaches fifth grade at Merriman, has a long and distinguished career with the district.

Starting in 1968, Leonard began her career in Romulus at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School. She quickly gained a good reputation with parents, students, and fellow teachers by encouraging each individual student to learn, regardless of his or her ability. In 1982, when Mt. Pleasant was closed, Leonard was transferred to Merriman School.

At Merriman, Leonard's gift for teaching was utilized to the fullest. Besides sponsoring the Merriman Cheerleaders, the Reading Rainbow Club, Black History Month, Christmas Around

the World, Poetry in Motion, and the school's Spelling Bee, she stressed academic achievement and emphasized the idea that students must learn to take responsibility for their own actions.

Leonard's teaching philosophy centered around her belief that every child can learn at his or her own level. Her class motto was that every second counts for something, and every moment should be spent on something positive, whether academic or social. She frequently said, "Never limit yourself to how much you can learn. The sky's the limit."

Although Leonard is retiring from the classroom, she will still touch the lives of many by exploring various job opportunities that will allow her to continue challenging herself.

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles from it..." I want to thank you, Algertha Leonard, for lighting my candle. □

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Students Win "Drug Free" Contest



These eighth-graders were among the winners in a "Drug Free, That's Me" essay contest sponsored by the Mayor's Drug Task Force earlier this year: (from left, front) Jasmine Mark, Deana Hunter, Stephanie Durtka, Erica Patterson; (back) Leah Lazenby, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Deon Solomon.

Hance To Attend Boys' State



Alec Lorne Hance

By John Domas, Counselor, Romulus High School

One outstanding Romulus High School student has been selected to attend the 60th Annual American Legion Boys' State Program. The program is to be held on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing from June 21 to June 27, 1998.

Attending will be 750 boys representing the very best in Michigan youth.

Representing Romulus this year is Alec Lorne Hance, who has received a scholarship valued at \$215 from the Kiwanis Club of Romulus, which covers the cost of the programming, food, and housing in a Michigan State University dormitory. Hance – the son of John Hance, Sr. – plans to attend Western Michigan University and major in aviation.

Alec is completing his eleventh-grade year at Romulus High School; thus, he will be returning as a senior to share his Boys' State experiences with his classmates.

The Boys' State Program duplicates

the very process by which the government in Michigan and in Washington, D.C. operate. Each young man attending will learn from firsthand experience how to work within a political party and work for the common good. Aside from this practical learning experience, each boy learns the priceless lesson of team participation while maintaining his own individuality.

This long-term experience, together with the friendships developed, are not soon forgotten, but stay with the boys for the rest of their lives.

The ultimate learning experience derived from this program is that each boy leaves with a thorough working knowledge of how our American system of government can affect change, implement ideas into law, and benefit society as a whole. There is no need for any of America's youth to feel alienated from our society, as there is a workable political process to involve them in the continuing success of America.

Whether or not the boys attending become directly involved in the actual political process in later life, each one of them will join the American scene knowing that anything for the common good is achievable in our system. Perhaps, more importantly, each will know how to achieve that common good through a peaceful and orderly process.

In closing, I would like to thank the following people for their help, support, and assistance in making it possible to send this well-qualified and deserving student to this year's Boys' State Program: Mae Jackson and William Knight – Romulus High School Counselors; David Ferdon – Romulus Kiwanis Club; Kathy Hurst – Student Government Advisor; Kathy Abdo – Class Advisor; Mark Anderson, Fanny Williams, Karl Wukie, Serena Frasier, Lance Knudson, and Linda Poirier – Teachers; Daniel Hurst, Melvin Kimbrough, and Douglas-Hoffman – Principals; and Joyce Evans – Guidance Office Secretary. □

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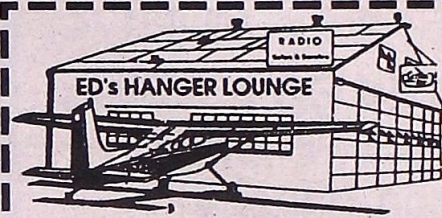
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Attending will be more than 500 girls representing the very best in Michigan youth.

Representing Romulus this year is Mamie Elisabeth Kesner, daughter of Howard J. and Alice L. Kesner. Mamie is completing her eleventh-grade year at Romulus High School; thus, she will be returning as a senior to share her Girls' State experiences with her other classmates.

The Girls' State Program has been designed as a practical experience in the problems of self-government as they relate to the State of Michigan. The purpose of the program is to emphasize the importance of government in modern life; to stimulate a deep and lasting interest in government; and to enlarge the students' understanding of the governmental process.

The basic method of Girls' State, by which these goals may be achieved, is that of actual participation in the political and governmental process. Care has been taken to design the Girls' State Program so that every student may

participate in the electoral process; have an opportunity to hold public office; and be encouraged to share in the formulation of public policy. Since no one person can serve in all offices of government, it is expected that a great deal will be learned by observation of the activities of others. It is hoped that the girls will leave Girls' State with a mature appreciation of some of the basic strengths and weaknesses of the American system of government. It is hoped, further, that they will leave with a firm resolution to make government a more effective and responsible servant of the people.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States; able to attend the full nine sessions; be in the process of completing her junior year of high school; and be a Michigan resident attending a Michigan high school.

Selection is based on each girl's interest, character, and potential abilities. Also considered are teacher recommendations and academic record.

Upon their arrival at Girls' State, each girl is assigned to a mythical political party, a county, and a city. There are seven counties, each composed of three cities.

The citizens nominate and elect various city, county, and state officials. They are instructed in the duties of the various public offices — including the State Supreme Court, the Legislature, and other divisions of government — and they learn about the function of these offices as well as their powers and limitations.

Involvement in the lobbyist and special-interest groups is also popular at a typical Girls' State Program.

In closing, I would like to thank the following people for their help, support, and assistance in making it possible to send this well-qualified and deserving student to this year's Girls' State Program: Mae Jackson and William Knight — Romulus High School Counselors; David Ferdon — Romulus Kiwanis Club; Kathy Hurst — Student Government Advisor; Kathy Abdo — Class Advisor; Mark Anderson, Fanny Williams, Karl Wukie, Serena Frasier, Lance Knudson, and Linda Poirier — Teachers; Daniel Hurst, Melvin Kimbrough, and Douglas Hoffman — Principals; and Joyce Evans — Guidance Office Secretary. □

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Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club Sponsors Assembly at Cory



(From left) Dwayne Richardson, Jennette Nolen, Diane Meriweather, Trooper John Sosa, and Trooper Corey Hebner were in attendance at the Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club's "Respect for Law and Safety on Wheels" assembly, held at Cory School on June 3.

By Jennette Nolen, Program Chairperson, Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club

The Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club sponsored a "Respect for Law and Safety on Wheels" assembly for the students at Cory Elementary School on June 3, 1998. Michigan State Police Troopers John Sosa and Corey Hebner attended to make presentations. Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit also attended.

Trooper Sosa spoke to the students about the responsibility shared by all citizens, including police officers and students, when it comes to obeying the law. Trooper Hebner emphasized the importance of wearing helmets and other protective gear when riding bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, cars, and buses.

Finally, the Optimist Club distributed helmets to eight students and, in conjunction with Cory Elementary

School, presented 10 bicycles to students who did not own one.

The Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club is a member of Optimist International, which, as one of the world's largest and most active service organizations, has more than 150,000 members in the United States, Canada, and throughout the world. Carrying the motto "Friend of Youth," Optimist clubs conduct service projects that reach six million young people each year. The "Respect for Law and Safety on Wheels" program is just one of several projects sponsored by the Wayne-Romulus Club annually in partnership with Cory Elementary.

The Club meets at Cory at 6:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from September through June. New members are always needed and welcome. For more information, contact either Henry Nolen, Club President, at 941-6498, or Phyllis Adkins, Cory Principal, at 721-4757. □

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 11, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 11, 1998 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed Member Webb absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/98/1 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

5/98/2 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of April 21 and April 27, 1998 meetings as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Member Webb entered the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION: Claude Siders, Director of Special Services, Effective June 30, 1998.

RETIREMENT: Viverene El, Teacher, Effective May 1, 1998.

5/98/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to approve the personnel actions as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resolution Implementing Teacher Wage Offer

5/98/4 Moved by Woods supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and implement the teachers' wage offer with bonuses for the 1996/1997 and the 1997/1998 school years. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2 (Gondek and Oleszkowicz). Motion carried.

Cafeteria Plan

5/98/5 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and adopt the resolution as follows: "Resolved, that the Cafeteria Plan for the Romulus Community Schools attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be approved and adopted on behalf of the School District." Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Student Expulsion

5/98/6 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to adopt the attached Resolution to permanently expel Catrina Green. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

5/98/7 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi that the Board approve Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Elementary Text Adoption - Social Studies

5/98/8 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the Board adopt and purchase Houghton Mifflin social-studies textbooks for grades kindergarten through five. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

High School Text Adoption - Language Arts and Science

5/98/9 Moved by Kesner supported by Webb that the Board adopt and purchase Holt, Rinehart and Winston textbooks - Spanish: Ven Connigo and French: Allez Viens. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience discussed their concerns with the Board of Education as they pertain to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Merriman School Special Events.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Michael Woods complimented the teachers for the improvement in the students' MEAP Scores. He also asked to see a list of goals as set forth by our counselors and athletics personnel.

Mr. Howard Kesner remarked that our district is fine and getting better.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi thanked Mrs. Langley for coming to the meeting.

Executive Session - Negotiations

5/98/10 Moved by Woods supported by Berlinn to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:08 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:22 P.M.

5/98/11 Moved by Gondek supported by Webb to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and extend Arthur McPharlin's employment contract to January, 1999. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/98/12 Moved by Woods supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
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Conway Is Capitol Scholar



State Representative Ray Basham (center) invited students Erin Conway (Romulus High School) and Dave Thomason (Taylor Kennedy High School) to spend a day with him in Lansing on Tuesday, May 5, to get a firsthand lesson in State government through the Capitol Scholars Program.

Optimist Club Sponsors "Career Day" at Cory, Wick

Recently, the Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club sponsored a Career Day for the students at Cory Elementary and the fifth- and sixth-graders from Wick Elementary School.

Co-chairpersons Mae Jackson, Celestine Jackson, and Opal McClen-don were on hand to greet the 25 speakers from numerous businesses and industries.

Program participants included: Adreen Allen (hotel management), Bernie Barden (General Motors engineer), Sergeant Beavers (U.S. Air Force), R. Blauet (Michigan Humane Society), Janet Edwards (special investigator), Sergeant Foster (U.S. Marine), Alberta Garrett (media center specialist), Nancy George (nurse), Trudi Hale (Deaf Options), Ron Horsley (U.S. Customs), Reverend Virgil Humes (engineer), Sharon Kapanowski (Ford Motor process engineer), Dr. Yuvell McPharland (physician), Keri Mains (J.C. Penney styling salon), K. Nightingale (fire inspector), Brian Oakley (attorney), Helen Orr (designer), Nate Payne (hotel chef), Frank Pohs (BAS Systems engineer), Vicki Preston (WCHB on-air personality), Denise Shann (J.C. Penney styling salon), John Smagner (Romulus Police Department), Larry Smith

(pilot), Sergeant Tanner (U.S. Navy), and Senior Master Tate (karate).

All participating students attended three different sessions to obtain pertinent information, brochures and booklets, posters, T-shirts, CDs, cookies, hairstyling products, and more. Most importantly, they had an opportunity to ask questions and communicate with a diverse and knowledgeable group from the business community.

After the program, all presenters, Optimist members, and Cory staff members gathered in the Discovery Room, where they received Certificates of Appreciation and enjoyed a lunch provided by the Optimist Club.

The Club was excited by the response of students and staff, and looks forward to going back next year.

Mae Jackson, school liaison and chairperson in charge of scheduling, said, "This was an exciting and meaningful day for the students of Cory and Wick Schools — one that more than compensated for all the hard work.

"Maybe we will try to involve even more students and presenters next year." □

Cory Elementary School Collects Tabs for Tots

For more than 10 years, the American Legion of Michigan has promoted an aluminum-pull-tab recycling program to benefit children needing medical help. Organizations participating in the benefit collect aluminum pull-tabs and send them to an American Legion hall. When the tabs are sold for recycling, the money is returned to the American Legion district that sponsored the event. The district then buys pediatric medical equipment and donates the equipment to a hospital or volunteer ambulance services in the community.

This past school year, Cory Elementary School worked with the 16th district of the American Legion in the "Tabs for Tots" program. The school collected 173,454 tabs during a seven-month campaign.

"Collecting tabs so that the American Legion can purchase additional pediatric equipment for sick children gives our students, parents, and staff an opportunity to do a community project that helps others," said Tom Wilson, an American Legion member and parent volunteer at Cory School.

The program began in October, with each class being challenged to bring in the most tabs. Brochures were sent home and monthly reports were given to the community about how many tabs had been collected. Ms. Barrs' first-

grade class was declared the winner when her students brought in 40,000 tabs during the last week of the contest.

Cory Principal Phyllis Adkins supported the school-wide effort to collect tabs when she was informed that the tabs raised money to purchase hospital equipment for children.

"Cory is known as a community-centered school," Adkins stated, "and this project supports our desire to help others."

On June 4, John Jankowski, the 16th District State Commander for the American Legion, accepted the tabs on behalf of all American Legion members.

"The number of aluminum tabs collected by the Cory School community is truly amazing, and a wonderful tribute to the dedication, hard work, and fortitude of these students, staff, and parents," Jankowski declared. "I also want to acknowledge the fine leadership role of Tom Wilson, who headed this very successful project, and parent volunteer Ron Tackett, who collected aluminum tabs daily."

Because of the great success of this very worthwhile project, plans are being made to expand the collection sites during the next school year. "Tabs for Tots" is just one of the many community projects in which Cory students participate. □



Cory parent Tom Wilson and John Jankowski, 16th District Commander of the American Legion, stand with some of the proud Cory students who helped to collect more than 173,000 aluminum tabs as part of the "Tabs for Tots" program to raise money for the purchase of pediatric hospital equipment. The American Legion has been conducting "Tabs for Tots" for more than 10 years.

WW Suggests Father's Day Gifts from the Heart . . . for the Heart

Are you confused about what to get Dad this Father's Day? If you are, join the ranks.

Latching on to that perfect gift is the endless quest that many of us face year in and year out. This June might be a good time to say "enough is enough" by stepping out of the mall melee and presenting that special man with a gift from the heart that will do wonders for his heart.

"Father's Day is just one day out of 365 when we should be doing something positive for the man who means so much to us," says Florine Mark of Weight Watchers. "Neckties, baseball caps, and subscriptions to magazines are all nice gifts, but imagine if you could give Dad something so exceptional that he'll benefit from it each and every time he uses it. Try to think out of the norm and give him a present that will not only be fun, but will also help him enjoy physical activity more, burn calories, and strengthen his cardiovascular system . . . all leading up to a healthier, more vibrant Dad."

Weight Watchers offers the following Father's Day gift suggestions, and lists the approximate number of calories burned based on usage (actual calories burned depends on the activity's intensity level and the body weight of the person performing the activity; figures listed below are for a 195-pound person).

- **Frisbee** – 266 calories burned (more if he misses a lot and has to hurdle fences and run across town to retrieve it)
- **Softball/Baseball** – 443 calories burned by pitching the ball for an hour (now you know why professional pitchers make the big bucks); 221 calories burned playing catch
- **Jump Rope** – 885 calories burned jumping rope (not counting the additional calories burned from laughing)
- **Golf Balls** – 487 calories burned (but he has to head to a golf course, play without a cart, and steer clear of the 19th hole)
- **Volleyball** – 354 calories burned (based on a fast-action, go-for-the-gusto game)
- **Basketball** – 708 calories burned during competitive play (NBA membership not a requirement)
- **Bicycle** – 354 calories burned during a leisurely ride (training wheels don't affect this number); 708 calories burned on a more moderate ride
- **Running Shoes** – 445 calories burned jogging (if wind is at his back)

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SOURCE:

The above is based on research from *Medicine and Science in Sports & Exercise*. □

LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

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	31	32	33	

DEFINITIONS

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| 1. Puckers, as one's lips | 16. Package |
| 2. Prefix for power, script, or natural | 17. Come in second at DRC |
| 3. Unsullied | 18. Word preceding Hatteras or Canaveral |
| 4. 40-40 ties, in tennis | 19. ____ of <i>Frankenstein</i> |
| 5. Relinquishes, as land | 20. Urgent; desperate |
| 6. Go to ____ (deteriorate) | 21. Buttons or Skelton |
| 7. In 1864, Atlanta was burned during this Union general's occupation | 22. Kidnapper's demand |
| 8. Boxer sometimes known as "Hit Man" | 23. Erle Stanley Gardner protagonist |
| 9. More rational | 24. Groan's partner |
| 10. Romulus City Councilwoman | 25. Riding and roping exhibition |
| 11. This veggie is a Southern favorite | 26. Scent |
| 12. The father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth built one | 27. Serling or Stewart |
| 13. Dirtied | 28. Soothsayer |
| 14. Rocks are said to be this | 29. Spiritual or philosophical guide |
| 15. Glided | 30. Toupee |
| | 31. Cook's domain |
| | 32. Detroit is famous for this type of festival |
| | 33. Cranny; crevice |

For solution, see page 11

Oleszkowicz Is Capitol Scholar



(From left) State Representative Ray Basham invited Chris McDermott (Taylor Truman High School), Rebecca Oleszkowicz (Romulus High School), and Rob Ryan (Taylor Kennedy High School) to spend a day with him in Lansing on April 21 to get a firsthand lesson in State government through the Capitol Scholars Program.

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "FATHER"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in FATHER? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Plurals, proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 21 words can be found on page 11

Police Crack Down

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for failing to wear seat belts and eight for failing to use child-restraint devices.

One of the Department's first arrests was of a 29-year-old female who was stopped for doing 90 miles per hour on I-94 with her 18-month-old son sitting on her lap. Chemical tests found the woman's blood alcohol level to be .14 (anything over .10 is considered legally intoxicated). She was issued citations for operating while under the influence of intoxicants (OUIL), failing to wear a seat belt, and failing to use a child-restraint device on her son.

At the time of the woman's arrest, her child was turned over to a relative.

Painter, who said that Romulus police intend to continue targeting violators, urged all motorists to wear their seat belts.

"They do save lives!" he said. □

Answers

answers to puzzles from page 10
LEAPFROG:

1) purses; 2) super; 3) pure
4) deuces; 5) cedes; 6) seed
7) Sherman; 8) Hearn; 9) saner
10) Romak; 11) okra; 12) ark
13) soiled; 14) solid; 15) slid
16) parcel; 17) place; 18) Cape
19) Bride; 20) dire; 21) Red
22) ransom; 23) Mason; 24) moan
25) rodeo; 26) odor; 27) Rod
28) augur; 29) guru; 30) rug
31) kitchen; 32) ethnic; 33) niche
"summer break / school is out"

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "FATHER":

fare, fate, fear, feat, feta, fret, haft,
hare, hart, hate, hear, heat, raft,
rate, rhea, tare, tear, after, earth,
hater, heart

Community Calendar

- **Summer Reading is Dino-mite!** – The Romulus Public Library's Summer Reading Program – "Reading is Dino-mite!" – is about to begin. Registration for children ages three to 13 will be accepted at the Library beginning Monday, June 8. A program of weekly entertainment (each Wednesday at 1 p.m.) will begin June 17 according to the following schedule: "From Dinosaurs to Dragons" (June 17), "A DinoRoar Musical Extravaganza" (June 24), "Meet Stellaluna" (July 1), "Jurassic Science Presentation" (July 8), "Mr. Jim the Magician" (July 15), "Looking for the Dinosaur" (July 22), and "End of Program Celebration" (July 29). For more information, call the Library (942-7589) during its regular hours.
- **Basham Hosts Coffee Hour** – State Representative Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) has announced that he will host a coffee hour at the Taylor Community Library (located at 12301 Pardee Road) on Monday, June 15, between 6 and 8 p.m. Basham encourages everyone to stop by, have a cup of coffee, and discuss any issue of interest. For more information, contact the Library (734-287-4840) or Basham (517-373-0852).
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Seeks Entertainers, Crafters, Vendors** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is already hard at work, preparing for the second annual Pumpkin Festival in September. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: June 18). Currently, the Committee is seeking entertainers/performers interested in volunteering their talents, as well as crafters and food vendors who would like to participate. For more information, or for a crafter or vendor application, please call Maria Lambert (942-7543) before 6 p.m., or Susan Watts (941-0476) before 8 p.m. Entertainers/performers may call Ellen Bragg (942-9207) between 3 and 8 p.m.
- **Auditions for Anything Goes** – The Huron Civic Theatre has announced that it will hold auditions for a fall 1998 production of *Anything Goes* (directed by Nick Beasanski and produced by Dorothy Holdren) at the Huron High School auditorium (located at 32044 West Huron River Drive, across from Michigan Memorial Cemetery in New Boston) from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. on July 12, 13, and 14. A total of six lead roles (three men, three women) will be available, as well as chorus parts for ages 16 to 96 (no children, please). All performers should be prepared to sing and learn movement; auditioners for lead roles should sing something from the show. Tap-dancing experience is a plus. An accompanist will be provided; music is available at the Huron Civic Theatre (no tapes, please). For more information, call the Theatre (782-5380) and leave a message, or call Sharon at 675-4017. (Note: At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19, the Theatre will host a "movie night" to view a videotaped production of *Anything Goes* in the Huron High School band room. All are welcome.)
- **Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Golf Outing/ Fund Raiser (four-person-team scramble format) at Willow Metro Golf Course (located at 22900 Huron River Drive, New Boston) on Thursday, August 27. The \$380-per-foursome cost of the event includes prizes, refreshments on course, and a steak dinner at Romulus Progressive Club following play. Although the official registration deadline is June 30, space is limited, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so early signup is advised. To register, send a check (made payable to the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce) to the Chamber at 9191 Wickham, Romulus, Michigan 48174. (Note: The Chamber is also seeking hole sponsors, prize donations, and workers for the event. If interested, please call Karan Johnson, the Chamber's executive secretary, at 326-4290.)
- **RHS Class of 1958 Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1958 will hold its 30-year reunion on October 17, 1998. For more information, contact Carol Graczyk (734-427-7004) or Janet Miller (734-697-7483).
- **Alumni Information Sought** – Romulus High School is working with the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to create an alumni directory. The goal of the project is to place all of the current residential and professional information on each of the school's graduates in one place. To make the directory as comprehensive as possible, the current names, addresses, and phone numbers of graduates from all class years are needed. Anyone with pertinent information should phone (800-654-4548) or FAX (800-829-4142) it to Harris Publishing, or mail it to Charlene Davenport (Publicity Coordinator, c/o Graduate Connection, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, 22 Koger Center, Norfolk, Virginia 23502) as soon as possible.
- **Registrations Accepted at St. Aloysius School** – St. Aloysius Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 1998–1999 school year for its all-day, five-day kindergarten program as well as for grades one through eight. The school is located near I-275 and I-94 in Romulus. For more information, call 941-3340.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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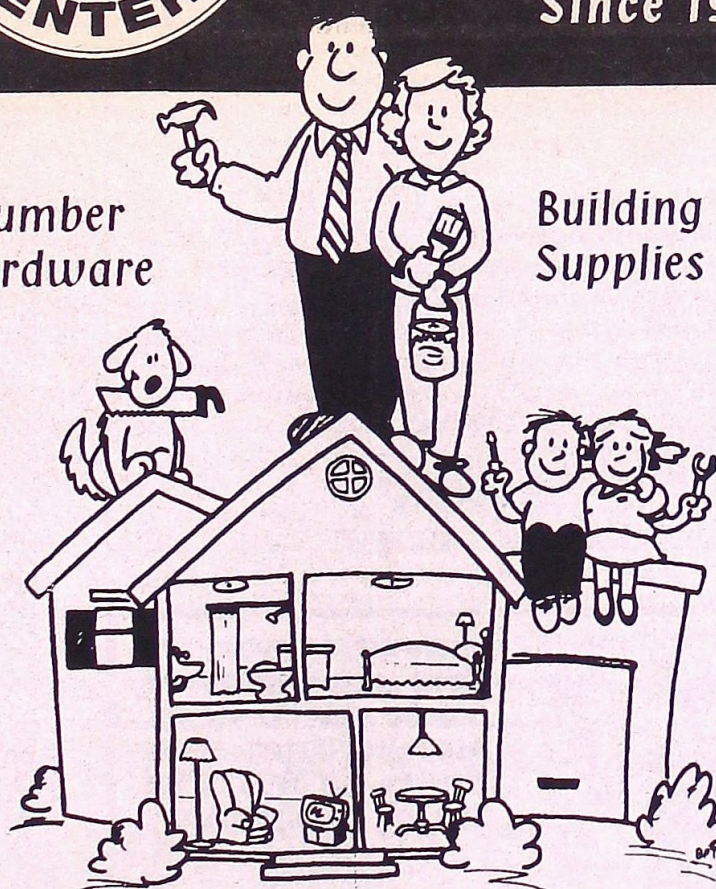
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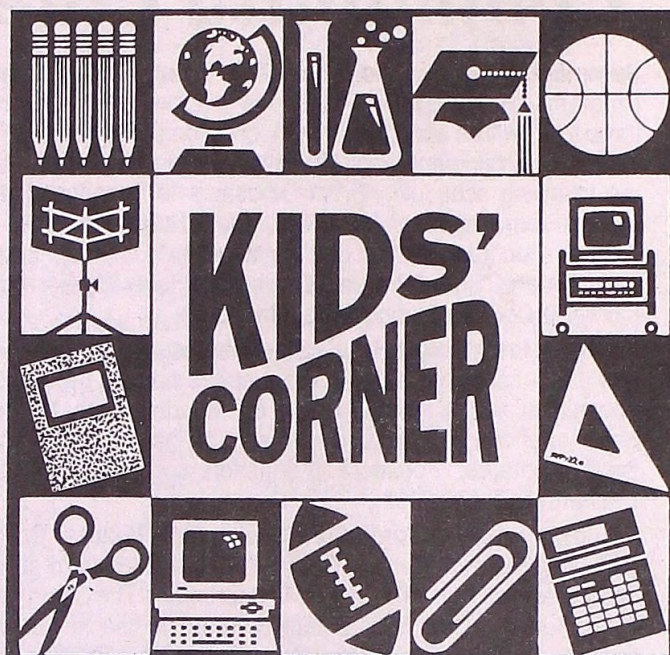
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Presidential dining

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|----------------------|--|
| 1. James Buchanan | A. Angel hair pasta w/seafood |
| 2. Ronald Reagan | B. Venison and mutton |
| 3. Richard Nixon | C. Pancakes |
| 4. Thomas Jefferson | D. Chili con carne |
| 5. Lyndon B. Johnson | E. Baked Alaska flambé |
| 6. Jimmy Carter | F. Sweet and sour pork |
| 7. Gerald Ford | G. Tuna noodle casserole |
| 8. Harry Truman | H. Waffles w/strawberries and sour cream |

Answers
1. B 2. A 3. E 4. C 5. D 6. F 7. H 8. G

FLOWERY PUZZLE

CAN YOU FIND THE TEN FLOWERS THAT ARE HIDDEN 'N THIS GRID THEY READ ACROSS OR DOWNWARDS.



X	P	E	M	Q	L	O	M	K	M	I	B	B
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Mix and match fruit

How much do you know about fruit? Take this quiz and find out. Draw a line from the fruit on the left, to its proper phrase on the right.

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|-----------------|--|
| 1. Apples | A. Tiny ripe ones are called dominicos |
| 2. Avocados | B. Has high concentrates of sugar — 60-65 percent |
| 3. Bananas | C. Not a nut at all — it is a drupe type of fruit |
| 4. Blackberries | D. Considered a symbol of immortality in Chinese folklore |
| 5. Coconut | E. Most of its vitamin C is lodged under the skin |
| 6. Dates | F. Columbus brought the first seeds to Haiti |
| 7. Lemons | G. Rich in magnesium and vitamin C. Its seeds provide dietary fiber |
| 8. Peach | H. This fruit contains no cholesterol, and 87 percent of its fat is the desirable kind — unsaturated |

Answers
1. E 2. H 3. A 4. G 5. C 6. B 7. F 8. D

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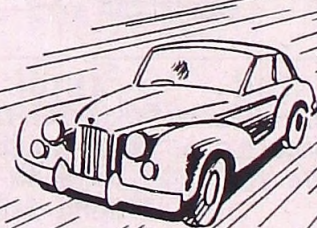
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Hapkido Association Has A Lot To Offer



Tom Dupuis

Tom Dupuis, above, demonstrates one of the techniques he must learn prior to testing for his black belt in Hapkido, a martial art that allows for versatility and uses the concept of progression of force. It calls for using just enough force to handle a situation—from the simplest control technique up to those used only in a life-or-death situation. Hapkido students are trained in kick boxing, grappling, throws, pressure points, and twisting techniques.

Dupuis has been training in Hapkido for about two and a half years. He is a school teacher who took up the art of Hapkido because of the possibility of an increase in violence on the job. Hapkido gives Dupuis the confidence to handle any physical assault that he may encounter, on or off the job.

When asked why he chose to study Hapkido, in particular, Dupuis said, "I am over 40 years old, and the United States Hapkido Association takes your age, ability, and limitations into account. It is easy to adapt to at any age. Anyone can learn Hapkido

and become proficient at it. It is taught by extremely good and professional instructors, including Master Marshall Gagne. The instructors are great and very willing to help you progress. It's hard work sometimes, but a lot of fun and well worth the effort.

"Also," he continued, "I was weary of having to participate in tournaments; in Hapkido, however, we don't have to do that, so it suits me fine."

Dupuis said that the art's philosophy was another factor in his decision to study Hapkido: "I like the fact that martial arts has a code of conduct that includes respect, discipline, and the idea of using force only to defend yourself or someone else in a justified situation."

Dupuis thinks that he may want to become an instructor to pass on his knowledge to others. He is scheduled to test for his Black Belt on June 20, 1998, at the United States Hapkido Association's summer picnic testing, which will be held at Lake Erie Metro Park.

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Country Corner

Hot Country Jam Features Top Artists



Among the artists appearing at this year's Hot Country Jam will be John Anderson.

Some of the hottest new and established artists in country music will be featured at the 7th Annual W4 Country 106.7 "Hot Country Jam," set for Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13. Downriver's largest country-music festival will take place at Brownstown's Thorn Park, in the heart of the area's country-music community.

Thorn Park offers ample room for the many attendees of this event, with over 200 acres located on King Road between Telegraph and Dix-Toledo roads. The park is easily accessible from I-94, I-275, I-75, Telegraph, and Dix-Toledo roads.

Festival hours are: Friday, June 12, from 2:30 to 11 p.m., and Saturday, June 13, from 12 to 11 p.m.

The entertainment—which will be provided by several nationally recognized artists as well as a number of the best local bands in southeastern Michigan (see schedule below)—is FREE, and there'll be plenty of food and beverages for sale. No bottles, cans, animals, or coolers will be allowed into the site. Blankets, lawn chairs, and strollers are encouraged.

The W4 Country 106.7 "Hot Country Jam" benefits the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, which labors to assist many of the 20 million Americans who currently suffer from kidney-related diseases. The W4 Country 106.7 "Hot Country Jam" is brought to you by Budweiser, Farmer Jack Supermarkets, Coca Cola, Fresh Start Loan Centers, and the Charter Township of Brownstown, Michigan.

For public-event information, you can visit promoter Watts UP, Inc.'s web site at <http://wattsupinc.com/> or just call 313-259-W4W4. □

W4 "Hot Country Jam" – Schedule of Events*

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Iesha Preston
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Memphis Blue
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.	Tony Phillips
6:35 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.	Big House
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Wade Hayes
9:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.	John Anderson

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Larry Harris w/ Richard Lawson & the Southerners
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Ridge Runners
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Sassy
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Hot Walker
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Janis Leigh and Luck of the Draw
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Ken Mellons
7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Ricochet
9:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.	Lee Ann Womack

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

"National Night Out . . . Our Way"

Romulus Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson and Senior Program Coordinator Linda Norman are in the process of planning "National Night Out . . . Our Way" in recognition of the National Association of Town Watch's annual "National Night Out" program. The unique crime- and drug-prevention program – set for Tuesday, August 4, from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. – will include dinner (\$3.50), music by Willie Hester, and a variety of amusements such as a hay ride, "Las Vegas Moments" (roulette, "wheel of fortune," etc.), a dance contest, frisbee and ring tosses, a basketball shoot, darts, a dunk tank, and more.

"National Night Out" is designed to heighten crime- and drug-prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Senior Crime Watch

The Romulus Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, Joe Richardson, will answer questions about local seniors' law-enforcement concerns at this month's Senior Crime Watch program, set for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17. To learn more about issues critical to your safety and well-being, bring yourself, bring your questions, and bring a friend.

Senior Olympics

Romulus seniors are urged to represent their home town and show off their skills at the annual Downriver Senior Olympics, which will be hosted by Allen Park the week of August 3–7.

Seniors can register for one or more of the following Senior Olympics events: swimming, shuffleboard, bocci ball, bowling, golf scramble, tennis, ping-pong, volleyball, basketball shoot, softball throw, horseshoes, ring toss, frisbee toss, darts, billiards, euchre, pinochle, and bridge. A banquet – open to the entrants and their friends and relatives – will wrap up the event on August 7.

To participate, seniors must register at the Romulus Senior Center no later than Tuesday, June 30. For information regarding scheduling, costs, etc., contact the Center.

Father's Day Luncheon

"Father's Day" will be the theme of the Romulus Senior Center's monthly luncheon, to be held on Thursday, June 25, at 10 a.m. Among the morning's events will be two contests: the "Tie One On" competition (prizes for the most unique, most colorful, and ugliest ties by *you* – our not-so-famous local senior designers) and the "Second Annual Hug Contest" (tally sheets, available at the Center, must be turned in by 2 p.m. on June 23).

The menu will feature breakfast foods such as biscuits and gravy, fruit, and more.

Sign up at the Center.

Turner & Hooch

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *Turner & Hooch*, starring Tom Hanks – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 19. Refreshments will be served.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. (Please note: Deposits insure your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to either the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(Wed., Jul. 22; \$20)
- **"Phantom of the Opera" (Marshall)**
(Wed., Aug. 26; \$53)
- **Kewadin Casino**
(Thu.–Fri., Sep. 17–18; \$91)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(Wed., Sep. 30; \$20)
- **Appalachian Adventure**
(Tue.–Fri., Oct. 6–9; \$403)
- **Chesaning**
(Wed., Oct. 14; \$35)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(Wed., Nov. 4; \$20)

Chore Services for Seniors

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency is now offering a chore service for senior citizens. Since the program is funded, in part, by the Senior Alliance, a donation is requested for services received. For more information, please call 313-843-2550 or 734-942-6852. □

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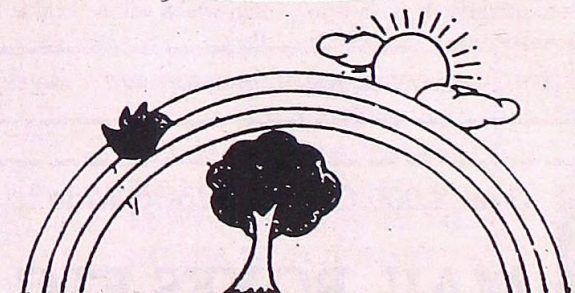
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Weight _____ Length _____
Birthplace _____
Parents _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Siblings _____

Maternal Grandparents _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Paternal Grandparents _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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City _____ State _____
Groom's Parents _____
City _____ State _____
Bridesmaids _____
Groomsmen _____
Date of Engagement _____
Date of Wedding _____
Place _____
City _____ State _____
Reception _____
City _____ State _____
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituaries

Carl Brown

Carl T. Brown of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, May 29, 1998, at the age of 67. The native of Obion, Ohio, was born on July 15, 1930.

Carl is survived by his wife, Betty S. (Younger) Brown; one son, Carl W. (and his wife Sandy) Brown (Romulus, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Craig (Beverly J.) Phillips (Westland, MI) and Mrs. Kevin (Betsey J.) Krampitz (Romulus, MI); two brothers, Amos and Bobby Brown (Tennessee); four sisters, Mrs. Louise Rice (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Mable Alberson (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Alma Coleman (Tennessee), and Mrs. Betty Eddings (Tennessee); and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by three brothers.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 1, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverends Neil Swanger (Pastor, Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus, MI) and Norman Guilford (former pastor, Ball Road Tabernacle) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to Ball Road Tabernacle.

Steven Buchanan, Jr.

Steven S. Buchanan, Jr., of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, May 25, 1998, at the age of 16. The native of Trenton, Michigan—born June 10, 1981—was employed at GateX, Inc.

Surviving Steven are his parents, Steven S. and Roxanne M. (Nowitke) Buchanan, Sr. (Romulus, MI); his maternal grandmother, Carolyn Nowitke (Romulus, MI); his paternal great-grandmother, Nellie Buchanan (Trenton, MI); his maternal great-grandmothers, Leona Nutt (Taylor, MI) and Emma Plamer (Belleville, MI); three brothers, Craig A. Wertz (Reed City, MI), Steven R. Keith (Indian River, MI), and Justin J. Buchanan (Romulus, MI); and one sister, Gail Buchanan (Romulus, MI).

A funeral service was held on Friday, May 29, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Chris Ferriss officiating. Interment was at Oakridge Cemetery (Brownstown Township, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the family.

Derwood Eves

Derwood C. Eves of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, May 30, 1998, at the age of 66. The Detroit Diesel retiree (1988) was born in Romulus on August 21, 1931, and married Charline J. (Seman) Eves on May 1, 1954, in Great Falls, Montana.

Derwood is survived by his wife; two sons, Gary and Gregory Eves (both of Romulus, MI); three brothers Kenneth Ike (and his wife Iva) Eves (Romulus, MI), Paul (and his wife Nettie) Eves (Wayne, MI), and Melvin (and his wife Alice) Eves (Romulus, MI); one sister, Pearl Bower (Romulus, MI); and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by three brothers and two sisters.

Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI). Other arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Helen Greca

Helen F. Greca of Newberry, Michigan (formerly of Romulus, MI), died on Friday, May 29, 1998, at the age of 88. A member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Helen was born in Detroit, Michigan, on August 6, 1909.

She is survived by three sons, Arthur J. (and his wife Barbara) Greca (Romulus, MI), Frederick A. (and his wife Evelyn) Greca (Newberry, MI), and Valentine W. (and his wife Neena) Greca (Milan, MI); one daughter, Loretta H. (and her husband Roger) Robinet (Colma, CA); one half-brother, Anthony (and his wife Rosemary) Pawlak (Garden City, MI); 19 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. Predeceasing Helen were her husband, Clement M. Greca, Sr.; her parents, Frank and Anastasia (Klosowski) Rothermel; one son, Clement M. Greca, Jr.; two brothers, Albert and Frank Rothermel; two sisters, Evelyn Neff and Irene Shinske; and two half-brothers, Roman and Charles Pawlak.

A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, June 2, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal as celebrant. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the St. Stephen's Endowment Fund.

Sharon (Lanier) Powers

Sharon D. (Lanier) Powers of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, at the age of 43. The native of Highland Park, Michigan, was born September 12, 1954, and graduated from Romulus High School in 1972.

Surviving Sharon are her mother, Bernice (Horton) Lanier (Romulus, MI), and her son, David Powers (Schaumburg, IL).

A funeral service was held on Thursday, June 4, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Steve Adams (Romulus Wesleyan Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization. □

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